

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.

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For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND
APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
CONTROLLING AND SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP
OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A
NETWORK (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 26, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on October 26, 2005, Applicants submit

herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.